



Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities
Department of Cultural Sciences

1HI020 Historia, Medeltida kulturer och samhällen, 7,5
högskolepoäng

History, Medieval cultures and societies, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

History

Subject Group

History

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

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The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2016

Prerequisites

General entry requirements and Civics A, History A or Civics 1b / 1a1 +1a2, History 1b / 1a1+1a2 (Field-specific entry requirements 1/A1).

Objectives

After completing the course, the student should be able to:

- give examples of the power struggle and cooperation between worldly men and the church during the Middle Ages,
- identify tendencies of centralisation and decentralisation in Europe and the rest of the world during the Middle Ages,
- discuss different theories of “When Sweden became Sweden”,
- account for the causes and effects of the agrarian crisis during the late Middle Ages,
- exemplify and analyse how medieval history has been described and used throughout history.

Content

The course discusses medieval societies with a special focus on the interaction between politics, economy, culture and religion. Cooperation and power struggles between worldly and religious powers are especially emphasised. The module focuses on a comparison between societies in and outside of Europe and how these have affected each other. With regard to Swedish history the creation of Sweden as a state is especially emphasised, as well as different theories on that process and when it was

completed. Questions concerning the use of history are discussed and various examples of descriptions of history, primarily medieval history, are presented and analysed.

The teacher will inform the students about compulsory parts of the course.

Type of Instruction

Lectures and compulsory seminars.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

The course is examined through written tests and active participation in compulsory seminars. In order to receive the grade of Pass, the student must achieve the intended learning outcomes.

For students who do not pass the first examinations, retake examinations are provided in accordance with local regulations at the university.

Course Evaluation

A written course evaluation is conducted and compiled into a report, which is filed with at the department. Results and possible measures are communicated to the person responsible for the course and presented to the students at the next course meeting.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Åmark, Klas, *Varför historia?*, Studentlitteratur, the latest edition, selected parts, 25 p. (25)

Aronsson, Peter, *Historiebruk: att använda det förflutna*, Studentlitteratur, the latest edition, selected parts, 30 p. (30)

Bjarne Larsson, Gabriela, *Forma historia. Metodövningar*, Studentlitteratur, the latest edition, pp. 91-135. (44)

Eriksson, Gunnar, & Frängsmyr, Tore, *Idéhistoriens huvudlinjer*, Wahlström & Widstrand, print-on-demand, the latest edition, selected parts, 60 p. (60)

Fröjmark, Anders, "Medeltidsmänniskan och kyrkan" in *Kalmar län 1996–1997*, pp. 19–28, lnu.divaportal.org/smash/record.jsf?searchId=1&pid=diva2:312142, 10 p. (10)

Fröjmark, Anders, *Religiösa ordnar under medeltiden*, Linnaeus University, the latest edition, lnu.divaportal.org/smash/record.jsf?searchId=1&pid=diva2:352592, 7 p. (7)

Fröjmark, Anders, *Sverige under Kalmarunionens tid*, Kalmar University 2009, lnu.divaportal.org/smash/record.jsf?searchId=2&pid=diva2:233477, 24 p. (24)

Lennerhed, Lena (ed), *Från Sapfo till Cyborg. Idéer om kön och sexualitet i historien*, the latest edition, pp. 29-57.(28)

Lindkvist, Thomas & Sjöberg, Maria, *Det svenska samhället 800-1720*, Studentlitteratur, the latest edition, selected parts. (200)

McKay et al, *A History of World Societies*, Bedford/St.Martin's, the latest edition, selected parts, 200 p. (200)

Tyerman, Christopher, *The Crusaders: A very short introduction*, Oxford University Press, the latest edition, 167 p. (167)

Söderberg, Johan, *Vår världs ekonomiska historia. Den förindustriella tiden*, SNS förlag, the latest edition, selected parts, 125 p. (125)

Relevant research articles about European medieval history. Provided by the department. (200)

In total: ca 1100 p.